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In response to your communication filed on 07/15/2008.

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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING DISC DEFECTS IN DISC, AND
DISC ON WHICH DEFECTS ARE MANAGED

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REQUESTING STATUS OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to a review of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, it is noted that applicants paid the issue fee on May 9, 2008. However, the application has not issued as a patent. Further, an Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 was filed on May 2, 2008, but the status thereof has not been communicated to the undersigned. As such, applicants respectfully request the status of the application, entry of the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312, and issue of the patent in timely fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

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